MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The price of sheepskin (tanned) as supplied by the Department of Industries was B. Rs. 3 (three) per lb.

(*b*) No information is available about the market price at the time. The quotations by the other tenderers for the same quality of sheepskin ranged from Rs. 3-As. 3 to Rs. 3-As. 6 per lb.

(*c*) The average quantity of leather required for the Stationery Department per annum is about 3,500 lbs.

MR. RAMA VARMA RAJA (*Edavagai*): പാർട്ട് സി യിൽ "The average quantity of leather required for the Stationery Department per annum is about 3,500 lbs." എന്നുപറഞ്ഞുകാണുന്നു. ഇപ്പോൾ, ൫ ൦ ൦ പൌണ്ടിൽ ഏതെങ്കിലും ഒരംശം ടാനിങ്ങ് ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെന്റു സപ്ലൈ ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): ൨,൦൦൦ പൌണ്ട് തോൽ സപ്ലൈ ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ട്.

MR. RAMA VARMA RAJA (*Edavagai*): ശേഷമുള്ള ൧,൫൦൦ പൌണ്ട് മറുകച്ചവടക്കാരിൽനിന്നും വാങ്ങിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതും ടാനിങ്ങ് ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിലെ വിലയെക്കാൾ കൂടുതൽ വിലകൊടുത്താണു് എന്നു മറുപടിയിൽ കാണുന്നുണ്ട്.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): രണ്ടോ മൂന്നോ അണയുടെ വ്യത്യാസമുണ്ട്. എന്നാൽ ഇതാദ്യമായതുകൊണ്ട് ഇൻഡസ്ട്രിയൽ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിനു് ഒരു ട്രയൽ ഓർഡർ കൊടുക്കയാണു് ചെയ്തതു.

Allowances paid to officers in 1104, 1105 and 1106.

2. MR. RAMA VARMA RAJA (*Edavagai*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the average, in lakhs of rupees, of acting allowances paid throughout the whole State during 1104, 1105 and 1106;

(*b*) the amount of local and special allowances paid during the above-said three years for the whole State; and

(*c*) the amount of travelling allowance paid during the above-said three years for the whole of Travancore excluding travelling allowance to members of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly and the Legislative Council?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) The information is not available since acting allowances are not separately classified and booked.

(*b*) Local allowances.—

	Rs.
1104 ...	1·62 lakhs
1105 ...	1·59 „
1106 ...	1·63 „

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Special allowances such as personal allowance are ordinarily booked along with salaries and separate figures therefor are not available.

(*c*) Travelling allowances

		Rs.
1104	...	4·29 lakhs
1105	...	4·73 ,,
1106	...	4·24 ,,

Action on the Report of the Banking Enquiry Committee.

3. **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state the action taken by them on the recommendations of the Banking Enquiry Committee?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): The report is under the consideration of the Government.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know the date on which the report of the Banking Enquiry Committee was submitted to Government?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): I do not exactly remember the date.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): But have the Government come to any conclusion with regard to any of the recommendations of the committee?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): Yes. One of the important recommendations of the committee is about the starting of a Land Mortgage Bank in regard to which Government have already taken action.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know when we can expect that to be brought into effect?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): The G. O. on the subject will appear in the next issue of the Government Gazette.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Have the Government considered any of the other recommendations?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): More than a hundred recommendations have been made by the committee and these recommendations have been classified into two main groups—one group for consideration and disposal in the Financial Secretariat and the other in the Administrative Secretariat. Each one of these two branches of the Secretariat is taking action on the subjects allotted to it. Such of the subjects as require reference to the Heads of Departments are being so referred, and the questions will be finally considered and decided by Government on receipt of replies to the references.

Metalling the Kayankulam-Kartikapalli road.

4. **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received a memorial from the inhabitants of Kartikapalli, dated the 11th Karkatakam 1106, stating the urgency of metalling the Kayankulam-Kartikapalli road; and

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